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SUBJECT: IFA PRESIDENT ACCUSES U.S. OF PRESSURING EEC ON

- NEW ZEALAND CHEESE.

1. ON JULY 17, 1978 IRISH FARMERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT PADDY LANE CLAIMED THAT THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAD ENLISTED THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES IN A BID TO RESUME CHEESE EXPORTS TO THE U.K. LANE MADE THE ACCUSATIONS BOTH FORMALLY TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE GIBBONS AND HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT IN DUBLIN.

2. THE GIST OF LANE'S ACCUSATION WAS THAT THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAD THREATENED TO WITHDRAW PORT FACILITIES FOR U.S. VESSELS PROVIDED UNDER THE ANZUS PACT IF WE DID NOT RENDER ASSISTANCE ON THE CHEESE ISSUE. AS A RESULT U.S. OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY BROUGHT PRESSURE TO BEAR ON EEC REPRESENTATIVES WITHIN THE MTN TO SECURE

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AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO THE U.K. OF 15,000 TONS OF CHEESE FROM NEW ZEALAND ANNUALLY. THE NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON STRONGLY DENIED LANE'S ALLEGATIONS AND THE DENIAL WAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE IN THE MEDIA.

3. MR LANE FREQUENTLY RESORTS TO SENSATIONALISM IN SEEKING PUBLICITY FOR MATTERS OF CONCERN TO HIS CONSTITUENTS. HIS PRIMARY

OBJECTIVE IN THIS CASE WAS TO HEIGHTEN THE ALREADY STRONG PRESSURE BY DAIRY INTERESTS ON THE GOI TO TAKE THE HARDEST POSSIBLE LINE AGAINST ANY EEC CONCESSIONS TO NEW ZEALAND IN THE MTN ON EITHER CHEESE OR ON THE QUESTION OF THE PHASE-OUT OF NEW ZEALAND'S EEC BUTTER QUOTA IN 1980.

4. GIVEN THE EFFECTIVE AND WELL PUBLICIZED NEW ZEALAND REBUTTAL WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED ON OUR PART AT THE PRESENT TIME.SHANNON

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